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ABI-NASSIF ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The amendment filed 06/27/05 have been entered and made of record.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 06/27/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the page 9, the Applicant alleged that "Neither Peisa nor Patel describe or would have made obvious "controlling the order in which packets are transmitted,".

The Applicant's argument is not persuasive.

Patel (U.S. Patent No. 6,865,185) discloses "controlling the order in which packets are transmitted," (see col. 1, lines 42-45, the IP QoS architecture provides tools for marking IP flows, controlling and shaping the traffic of various IP flows, and managing various IP queues in order to ensure QoS behavior for each of service). Clearly, Patel discloses "controlling the order in which packets are transmitted,".

3. Claims 1-27 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2-4, 6-8, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peisa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,850,540 B1) in view of Patel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,865,185 B1).

In the claims 1, 26, Peisa et al. discloses scheduling data flows in accordance with the present invention is illustrated generally at 800... This selection may be performed once for each TTI (transmission time interval). Initially, several parameters are obtained for each logical channel. The QoS Class each logical channel may be obtained from the corresponding RAB (Radio Access Bearer) parameter (QoS Class, Guaranteed Rate..)(see figure 8, col. 18, lines 30-38); comprising:

- Controlling the order in which packets are transmitted based on the transmission rate (Guaranteed Rate) and the service class (QoS Class) of the packets (see figure 8, col. 18, lines 30-38) (see col. 3, lines 15-25) ;
- Transmitting packets corresponding to the received packets to recipients (UE) (see figure 2, col. 4, lines 20-45).

However, Peisa et al. is silent to disclosing associating each of the received data packets with one of a set of different service classes.

Patel et al. Discloses inserting labels or tags in front of each data packet indicating the FEC which is based on the commonability of flow characteristics. Such labels or tags enable the enforcement of QoS treatments (see col. 3, lines 62-65); The system for queuing traffic in a wireless network includes receiving a stream of packets for transmission in the wireless network..... Each packet is queued in an assigned virtual group for transmission in the wireless network (see abstract); comprising:

- Receiving data packets at a communication node; associating each of the received data packets with one of a set of different service classes; transmitting packets corresponding to the received packets to recipients (see col. 3, lines 62-65, abstract).
- Controlling the order in which packets are transmitted based on the transmission rate (Guaranteed Rate) and the service class (QoS Class) of the packets (see col. 1, lines 42-43) ;

Both Peisa and Patel disclose the different service class of the packets. Patel recognizes associating each of the received data packets with one of a set of different service classes. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Peisa with the teaching of Patel to associate each of the received data packets with one of a set of different service classes in order to control transmitting packet to the recipient based on QoS, transmission rate. Therefore, the combined system would have been reduced the delay time in the processing packets.

5. In the claim 2, Patel et al. discloses the transmitted packets comprise physical layer packets (see col. 2, lines 5-45).

6. In the claim 3, Peisa discloses the rates of transmission are controlled based on a time-division multiplexing algorithm (see figure 8, col. 18, lines 30-38) (see col. 3, lines 15-25).

7. In the claim 4, Peisa discloses the node comprises a radio node of communication protocol (see figure 2, col. 4, lines 20-45).

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8. In the claim 6, Patel et al. discloses the different classes of service conform to a differentiated services architecture (see col. 3, lines 62-65, abstract).

9. In the claim 7, Patel et al. discloses the differentiated service architecture comprises DiffServ (see col. 3, lines 62-65, abstract).

10. In the claim 8, Patel et al. discloses the service classes comprises at least one expedited forwarding class and at least one assured forward class (see col. 10, lines 12-18).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined system (Peisa – Patel) in view of Tiedemann, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,420 B1).

In the claim 5, the combined system (Peisa - Patel) discloses the limitations of claim 1 above.

However, the combined system (Peisa - Patel) is silent to disclosing high data rate (HDR).

Tiedemann, Jr. et al. discloses high data rate (see col. 4, lines 65-67, col. 7, lines 1-5)

Both, Peisa, Patel, and Tiedeman, Jr. disclose the class of service of packets. Tiedman, Jr. recognizes high data rate. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combined system (Peisa – Patel) with the teaching of Tiedmann to provide high data rate in order to dedicated higher data rate, the class of services request by the user (access terminal). Therefore, the combined system would have been enable the scheduler to determine the order to transmit data packets to recipient based on transmission rate and class of service of data packet.

12. In the claim 9, Tiedemann, Jr. et al. discloses receiving a user-defined minimum average forwarding percentage rate for at least one of the different service classes (see col. 7, lines 1-5).

13. In the claim 10, Tiedemann, Jr. et al. discloses the percentage comprises a percentage of the total bandwidth of a link on which the packets are transmitted (see col. 2, lines 57-67).

14. In the claim 11, Tiedemann, Jr. et al. discloses the transmission rates are sent by the recipients (see col. 7, lines 1-5)

15. In the claim 12, Tiedemann, Jr. et al. discloses the transmission rates are sent by the recipients using a feedback channel to the node (see col. 8, lines 1-8).

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16. Claims 13, 14-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined system (Peisa – Patel) in view of Jalali. et al. (Data throughput of CDMA-HDR).

In the claim 13, the combined system (Peisa - Patel) discloses the limitations of claim 1 above.

However, the combined system (Peisa - Patel) is silent to disclosing an order of transmission of the packets is controlled by two-level scheduling including a class level in which ordering is determined among the classes of service and a recipient level in which ordering is determined among the recipients associated with each class

Jalali et al. discloses an order of transmission of the packets is controlled by two-level scheduling including a class level in which ordering is determined among the classes of service and a recipient level in which ordering is determined among the recipients associated with each class (see page. 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

Both, Peisa, Patel, and Jalali et al. disclose the class of service of packets. Jalali recognizes an order of transmission of the packets is controlled by two-level scheduling including a class level in which ordering is determined among the classes of service and a recipient level in which ordering is determined among the recipients associated with each class (see page. 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combined system (Peisa – Patel) with the teaching of Jalali to provide two-level scheduling including a class level in which ordering is determined among the classes of service and a recipient level in which ordering is determined among the recipients

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associated with each class in order to be able the scheduler to determine the order to transmit data packets to recipient based on transmission rate and class of service of data packet.

17. In the claim 14, Jalali et al. discloses the recipient level uses the Qualcomm algorithm (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

18. In the claim 15, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling is based on at least one of the following for each of the classes: a configured minimum average forwarding rate percentage for the class, an actual forwarding rate percentage recently received by the class, and a channel quality of the recipients that belong to the class and are selected to receive service by the recipient level scheduling (see page 1856, col. 2, lines 34-50).

19. In the claim 16, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling is done over a predetermined length window of time slots (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

20. In the claim 17, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling includes a weighted round robin scheduling algorithm in which the weights corresponds to channel quality of the recipient belonging to the respective classes (see page 1856, col. 2, lines 34-50).

21. In the claim 18, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling is based at least in part on a planned selection at the recipient level within each class (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

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22. In the claim 19, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling is based on a metric scaled by different scaling factors for different service classes (see page 1856, col. 2, lines 34-50).

23. In the claim 20, Jalali et al. discloses the scaling factor for all service classes are adaptively adjust to meet the MAFRP for the service classes (see page 1856, col. 2, lines 34-50).

24. In the claim 21, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling is based on a metric which is adaptively adjusted to meet the MAFRP for the service classes (see page 1856, col. 2, lines 34-50).

25. In the claim 22, Jalali et al. discloses the class level scheduling selects a class from among a subset of the classes (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

26. In the claims 23, 25, Jalali et al. discloses the member of the subset of classes are determined by pre-assigned schedule times (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

In the claim 24, Jalali et al. discloses the recipient level scheduling selects a recipient from among a subset of the recipients (see page 1856, col. 1, lines 34-50).

Allowable Subject Matter

27. Claim 27 is allowed.

28. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art (6850540, 6865185, 6567420, 6850764) of record does not appear to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited from independent claim 27: "receiving from a network operator values representing minimum average forwarding rate percentage for each of more than

distinct classes of service associated with transmission of packets from a radio node of a network to recipient”.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

29. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

30. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHUONG T HO whose telephone number is (571) 272-3133. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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